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FRIDAY, 11 JUNE
9.00 AM – 11.40 AM

SOCIOLOGY
HIGHER

Candidates must answer **all** questions in Section A and Section B and **one** question from Section C.

Section A is worth 40 marks, and each question in Sections B and C is worth 30 marks.

This gives a total of 100 marks for this question paper.



Section A—Studying Human Society: The Sociological Approach

Marks Code

Answer **all** questions in this Section.

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| A1. Describe two differences between sociological and common sense explanations of human society. | 4 | KU |
| A2. Describe two strengths of feminism. | 4 | KU |
| A3. Describe one similarity and one difference between Marxism and Neo-Marxism. | 4 | KU |
| A4. Explain one strength and one weakness of structural theories. | 6 | AE |
| A5. Explain two differences between conflict and consensus theories. | 6 | AE |
| A6. Describe any three steps in the research process. | 6 | KU |
| A7. Describe two advantages of using unstructured interviews. | 4 | KU |
| A8. Explain one advantage and one disadvantage of using any research method that generates qualitative data. | 6 | AE |
| | (40) | |

Section B—Understanding Human Society 1

Marks Code

Answer this question.

B1. Education

Explain the extent to which *gender* **or** *social class* **or** *ethnicity* affects educational attainment in modern UK society. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU

14 AE

(30)

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Section C—Understanding Human Society 2

Marks Code

Answer **one** question from C1, C2, C3 or C4.

C1. The Family

Some sociologists claim that there has been a move away from the nuclear family towards diverse patterns of relationships.

Analyse the impact of changes in *family patterns*. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C2. Welfare and Poverty

Some theorists claim that women are more likely to experience the effects of poverty.

Evaluate the link between poverty and gender. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C3. Crime and Deviance

Evaluate the significance of *gender* in the sociology of crime and deviance. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C4. Mass Media

Analyse the extent to which bias, influence and attitude formation are important issues in the sociology of the mass media

Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
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